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IN RE KATZ DECLARATION

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Dear Sir:

1. Paragraphs 1 to 4 of this declaration are to establish that the co-authors of *International Journal of Immunopathology and Pharmacology* 16:189-199, 2003, who were not named as co-inventors of the present application, did not contribute to the conception of the claimed invention.

2. The person making this declaration, Aristo Vojdani, is the sole inventor of the present application.

3. The conceptualization of the present invention is solely my own. I determined that increased levels of antibodies/antigens derived from infectious agents, toxic chemicals and dietary proteins were positively correlated with autistic spectrum disorders.

4. The authors of the paper mentioned in paragraph 1 of this declaration, with the exception of myself, did not provide an inventive contribution to the pending claims. These

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individuals (J.B. Pangborn, E. Vojdani and E.L. Cooper) were laboratory technicians who performed experiments under my direction and control.

5. The portion of the E.L. Cooper reference cited by the Examiner (*Int. J. Immunopathol. Pharmacol.* 3:289-292) that is relevant to the pending claims described my own work. Cooper was a collaborator who did not provide an inventive contribution to the pending claims, and is merely describing my own work as clearly evidenced by the attribution to me throughout the text of this reference.

6. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing therefrom.

Dated: 8-24-06

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